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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Further to the concurrent filing of the U.S. national stage of PCT/IL00/00081, kindly amend the application as follows prior to examination:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly add the following section, on page 1, immediately after the title:

--RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a U.S. national application of PCT/IL00/00081, filed on February 7, 2000 and is a continuation-in-part of PCT Application No. PCT/IL99/00600, filed on November 7, 1999. The present application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/700,986, filed on November 21, 2000 and a continuation-in-part of PCT Application No. PCT/IL98/00553, filed on May 24, 1998; now U.S. Application No. 09/701,049, filed on November 22, 2000.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly replace claims 3, 5, 14, 16, 20, 21 and 28 with the following claims in clean form and add new claims 29-32:

3. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the perfecter comprises a first array of suction cups that grips the sheet adjacent the leading edge and a second array of suction cups that grips the sheet adjacent the trailing edge.

5. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 3 wherein the perfecter comprises a shaft to which the arrays of suction cups are mounted.